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Sir:

This is a reply to the office action mailed on February 21, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In The Claims

Please replace claims 1-10 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

a1  1. (Amended) A programmed device for automating the management of an inventory of consumer items at a consumer location, the programmed device accepting input data and executing instructions for automating inventory management, the programmed device comprising:

instructions for receiving a series of shopping lists, each shopping list including

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